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| a. The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of<br>any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a<br>dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).   |  |                 |       |  |  |  |
| b. The affidavit or other evidence is not timely filed before the filing of an appeal brief. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(2).  |  |                 |       |  |  |  |
| 2. The reply is not entered because it was not filed within the two month time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.39(b), 41.50(a)(2), or 41.50(b) (whichever is appropriate). Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not available.  |  |                 |       |  |  |  |
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| 3. ☑ The reply is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.   |  |                 |       |  |  |  |
| 4. X Other: The amendment is entered because it simplifies the matter in front of the Board by canceling claims 5-6, which does not affect the scope of any pending claim. Thus, claims 1-4, 8-9 and 11-40 are be pending in the Instant  |  |                 |       |  |  |  |
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